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Before beginning examination and calculating the fees in this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 30-32.

30. (New) A covering for covering at least a portion of a stent, the covering comprising:  
a tubular section of material for covering an unexpanded stent wherein such  
tubular section is dimensioned so as to constrain the expansion of the stent, and wherein a pattern  
of perforations provided in the tubular section is selected to modify the expansion characteristics  
of the section and thereby constrain the expansion of the underlying stent.

31. (New) A covering for covering at least a portion of a stent, the covering comprising:  
a tubular section of polymeric material for covering an unexpanded stent wherein  
such tubular section is dimensioned so as to constrain the expansion of the stent, and wherein a

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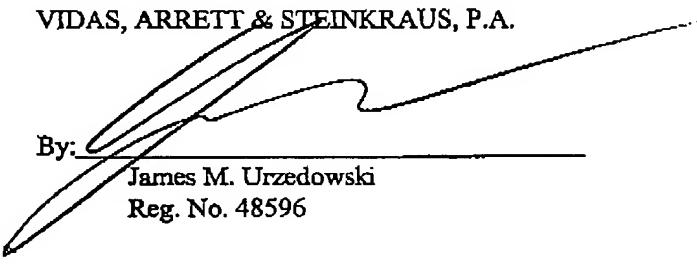
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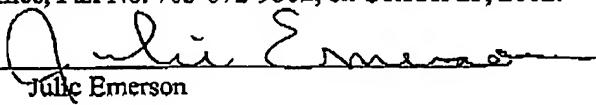
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